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FROM USDEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: HONDURAS - EL SALVADOR NEGOTIATIONS

REFS: A) TEGUCIGALPA 4446, B) STATE 233809, C) TEGUCIGALPA 4473

1. APROPOS REFTELS, ROBERTO JONES FAJARDO, CHIEF HONDURAS DELEGATE TO OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN LIMA, HAS EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION IN PUBLIC DECLARATIONS OVER GOES RENUNCIATION OF BOGOTA PACT AND PRIVATELY TO US DEL HIS CONCERN OVER APPARENT BREAKDOWN OF MEXICO CITY NEGOTIATIONS.

2. JONES WAS QUOTED IN LIMA PRESS ON NOVEMBER 29 AS STATING THAT HIS GOVT WOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE AND THAT 13TH MEETING OF MFMS WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH SITUATION NOW THAT EL SALVADOR HAS RENOUNCED BOGOTA PACT. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT PACT REMAINS VALID FOR ONE YEAR AFTER BEING DENOUNCED, HENCE DESPITE GOES UNILATERAL ACTION, THERE REMAINS AT LEAST ONE YEAR TO REACH A PEACEFUL SOLUTION UTILIZING PACT MECHANISM. ANY REFORM OR UPDATING OF RIO
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TREATY, HE ADDED, SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO BRING MECHANISMS OF

PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT CONTAINED IN TREATY QUICKER INTO PLAY IN FUTURE SIMILAR SITUATIONS. HE CONCLUDED BY DECLARING THAT ANY SETTLEMENT REACHED DURING THE MEXICO TALKS WOULD HAVE TO BE A BROAD ONE AND THAT THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WOULD HAVE TO BE A DEFINITIVE DRAWING OF BOUNDARIES.

3. JONES HAS ALSO TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE FORUM TO EXPOUND GOH VIEWS OF NEED TO STRENGTHEN RIO TREATY MECHANISMS DESIGNED TO SETTLE DISPUTES IN ADVANCE AND TO THUS PREVENT OUTBREAK OF ACTUAL HOSTILITIES. HE HAS INTERVENED FREQUENTLY IN TREATY DEBATES TO EMPHASIZE NEED TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO ONGOING DISPUTES BETWEEN AMERICAN STATES RATHER THAN MERELY REFERRING TO DISPUTES "WHICH MIGHT ARISE".

4. ON MEXICO NEGOTIATIONS, JONES EXPRESSED TO USDEL PRIVATELY (BEFORE THE GOES ACTION) HIS CONCERN THAT THE TALKS WERE NOT GOING WELL DUE TO EL SALVADORAN REFUSAL TO SEPARATE FRONTIER QUESTION FROM REST OF SETTLEMENT. HE FURTHER REPEATED THE OFT-QUOTED LAMENT THAT "A WAR WHICH LASTED 100 HOURS SHOULD NOT TAKE FOUR AND ONE-HALF YEARS TO SETTLE".
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